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BCPL Helping Kids and Parents Prepare for Kindergarten

Bullitt County Public Library is holding a four-part workshop series in March for families with children ages 3 to 5. The series will include fun activities, giveaways, stories, and a free family meal. To help make school readiness a household priority, whole families are encouraged to attend, including older siblings. Bullitt County Public School representatives will also be on hand at each workshop session to provide information and to answer parents' questions.

Getting ready for kindergarten involves more than learning to count and knowing the alphabet. Children need to learn to take turns, to share, to form a line, to listen to the teacher, and to hold a pencil. According to BCPL Outreach and Programs Supervisor Allison White, "It is vitally important that children have the skills to be ready to read and ready to learn when they arrive at school for kindergarten."

Unfortunately, sometimes parents become overwhelmed when sifting through information or don't know where to begin. Therefore, White explains, "It is our goal at BCPL to provide parents with everyday ways to teach and hone the skills their children will need for success in school. Our Kindergarten Readiness Workshops will serve to connect parents with resources and empower parents to be able to provide learning activities to ready their children for school through their day-to-day interactions."

The Library has recently launched a new Online Learning page on their website for adults, and they strive to continuously offer new and innovative learning opportunities for children and teens. It is all part of BCPL's commitment to encourage lifelong learning.

"The Bullitt County Public Library believes that lifelong learning is a key part of empowering our community," said Library Director Joe Schweiss. "Starting that lifelong learning process early

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will give children a jumpstart on success in kindergarten and beyond. The library strives to provide the best resources possible for caregivers and parents—often children’s first and most important teachers—to help build a community that encourages kids to learn, create, and be engaged.”

The Kindergarten Readiness Workshops will be held on four consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning March 8th at Ridgway Memorial Library in Shepherdsville, located at 127 N. Walnut Street. Each session will feature a different theme—science, life skills, math, and family activity—with presentations and activities designed with families in mind. A meal and free materials will be provided at each workshop.

Registration is required and space is limited. Please call 502-543-7675 ext. 5 or visit www.bcpl.org to sign up.

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